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## In re Application of:

Anderson, et al

Serial No.: 09/542,973

Filed: April 4, 2000

**For:** SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR IMPROVED TELEPRESENCE

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# PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.181

Mail Stop Issue Fee Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to invoke the supervisory authority of the Commissioner, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.181, to withdraw the Office's holding of abandonment in the above-captioned patent application.

#### STATEMENT OF FACTS AND POINTS TO BE REVIEWED

On December 13, 2004, the Patent Office mailed a Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due in the above-captioned patent application. On December 21, 2004, Applicants responded, by Mail, by filing a Issue Fee Transmittal, certificate of mailing and return receipt post card, pursuant to 37 CFR §1.181.

Applicants then received a Notice of Abandonment with a mailing date of July 11, 2005. The Notice of Abandonment lists the reason for abandonment as "the issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, has not been received."

In the present situation, Applicants filed a Issue Fee Transmittal with an appropriate return receipt post card and required fee (deposit account number provided) in a timely manner by mail less than three (3) months after the Notice of Allowance. Accordingly, the holding of abandonment by the Office is inappropriate and in error, and should be withdrawn.

A copy of the Notice of Abandonment with a mailing date of July 11, 2005 is enclosed. Also enclosed are copies of documents filed December 21, 2004, including: Fee Transmittal with Certificate of Mailing and Return Receipt Post Card.

No fee for this petition to the Commissioner is required under 37 C.F.R. 1.181(d), as indicated by MPEP §711.03(c).

Applicants respectfully submit that this petition is timely filed, as the Notice of Abandonment was mailed by the Patent Office on July 11, 2005, and Applicants have filed this petition within two months of the mailing date of the Notice of Abandonment.

## RELIEF REQUESTED

Applicants respectfully request that this petition be granted and the holding of abandonment be withdrawn promptly, the Issue Fee and Publication Fee be entered herein and issued in a timely manner.

Respectfully submitted,

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1. Petition To Withdraw Holding of Abandonment (See MPEP 711.03(c) I and 37 CFR § 1.181) No fee required

Where an applicant contends that the application is not in fact abandoned (e.g., a reply was in fact filed), a petition under 37 CFR § 1.181(a) requesting withdrawal of the holding of abandonment is the appropriate course of action. Any petition under 37 CFR § 1.181 to withdraw the holding of abandonment not filed within 2 months of the mail date of a Notice of Abandonment may be dismissed as untimely under 37 CFR § 1.181(f). In order for a petition to be granted, the evidence must be sufficient according to 37 CFR § 1.8(b) Certificate of Mailing 37 CFR § 1.10 "Express Mail" mailing or MPEP 503 Postcard Receipt as Prima Facie Evidence. The petition should be addressed as follows:

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# 2. Petition To Withdraw Holding Of Abandonment Based On Failure To Receive Office Action (MPEP 711.03(c) II and 37 CFR § 1.181). No fee required

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